

## **REMARKS**

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Manaf for the courtesy of the interview granted on May 17, 2006. At the interview, the prior art of record was distinguished. Specifically, applicant's invention was discussed and clarified as being related to a foundation drying system, wherein the water and moisture around the specific foundation and footing was removed.

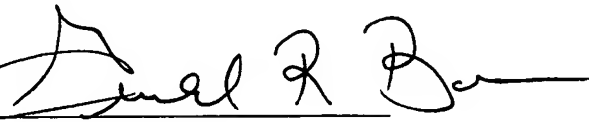
Accordingly, the claims are amended to identify that the bottom of the channel which is utilized for removing the water in the waterproofing system is designed by the foundation itself. As explained, water typically seeps into the junction of the wall and the foundation footing, and it is this water which necessitates removal and evaporation. Accordingly, any item which consists of a conduit pipe and the like which sits on the footing would not communicate with the footing foundation to remove the water. Accordingly, this limitation is the invention, and distinguishes the invention over the prior art.

No Claims fees are believed due, as the total number of Claims remains at twenty or less and the total number of independent Claims remains at three or less.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that passing of the case to issuance in due course. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of the Application to issue.

Respectfully Submitted

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